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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: REVISED YOUTH DIPLOMA RATE OUTCOMES

The purpose of this information bulletin is to advise the workforce investment community of a revision to the calculation of the State and local workforce investment area Youth Diploma Rate. This is a correction of the Youth Diploma Rate reported in California's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Annual Report for Program Year 2000. The attached table shows the revised diploma rate outcomes achieved by the State and each of the 50 local areas.

The Diploma Rate includes youth who enter the program at age 18 or less, having completed a grade level less than 12, and who do not return to secondary school upon their exit from the program. The measure counts all youth that receive a diploma or equivalent by the end of the quarter following the quarter in which they exit the program.

For the Annual Report, the statewide and local area Diploma Rate outcomes were calculated for youth who exited the program between July 1, 2000, and March 31, 2001, and who received a diploma or equivalent by the end of the quarter after exit. These time periods were applied because the Youth Diploma Rate is defined by the Department of Labor (DOL) as a program year measure, a measure applied to the period July 1 – June 30, and this approach provided for a completed measurement period by the end of the program year. However, this interpretation of the guidance resulted in a significant under reporting of diploma attainments. The attached revised numbers include youth that exited the program through June 30, 2000, and attained their diploma or equivalent by the end of the quarter after exit. Thus, these figures better represent the State's performance on this measure for the program year.

For detailed definitions of the core performance measures, please refer to Department of Labor's Training and Employment Guidance Letter 7-99, *Core and Customer Satisfaction Performance Measures for the Workforce Investment System*, dated March 3, 2000, for additional information.

If you have a question regarding these data, please contact Debor L. Untal, Performance Management Unit at, (916) 654-8295.

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Attachment

**Revised Younger Youth Diploma Rate
July 2000 to June 2001**

California	53.63%			
Alameda	-----		Orange	43.33%
Anaheim	-----		Richmond	-----
Carson/Lomita/Torrance	68.18%		Riverside	-----
Contra Costa	100.00%		Sacramento	53.66%
Foothill	-----		Santa Ana	-----
Fresno	64.23%		Santa Barbara	54.84%
Golden Sierra	100.00%		San Benito	-----
Humboldt	-----		San Bernardino City	83.33%
Imperial	30.77%		San Bernardino County	72.73%
Kern/Inyo/Mono	1.85%		South Bay	15.38%
Kings	100.00%		Santa Cruz	0.00%
Los Angeles City	16.49%		San Diego	55.17%
Los Angeles County	37.16%		SELACO	5.56%
Long Beach	54.55%		San Francisco	0.00%
Madera	37.50%		San Joaquin	33.33%
Marin	50.00%		San Jose	0.00%
Mendocino	53.85%		San Luis Obispo	46.67%
Merced	89.83%		San Mateo	-----
Mother Lode	66.67%		Solano	0.00%
Monterey	96.49%		Sonoma	40.00%
Napa	-----		Stanislaus	27.27%
NCC	45.98%		Tulare	84.54%
NORTEC	78.79%		Verdugo	-----
NOVA	-----		Ventura	0.00%
Oakland	16.96%		Yolo	40.00%

A notation of "-----" means that no participants were eligible for this measure.

The increase in the Diploma Rate outcomes when the April-June exiters are included is due to the time frames for issuing diplomas. Since most diplomas are issued in late June, they are reported in the following quarter. Including the April-June exiters in the calculation results in California exceeding its negotiated Diploma Rate performance goal of 40 percent.

Source: California Employment Development Department, Workforce Investment Division, April 10, 2002.